

REMARKS

Claims 8-14 have been canceled without prejudice and replaced by new claims 21-33, which are currently pending. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USP 2,271,918 to Glowka ("Glowka"). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the new claims 21-33.

Claims 21 and 28 are independent, and each recites (among other limitations) a plastic support frame 32 attached to the upper end of the outer shell, with the upper end 92 of the link rod 40 extending through the support frame 32. See FIG. 9 of the present application. In contrast, Glowka does not teach or suggest a plastic support frame attached to the upper end of the outer shell, with the upper end of the link rod extending through the support frame. Thus, claims 21 and 28, and claims 22-27 and 29-33 depending therefrom, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, Applicant submits that claims 22, 26, 29 and 32 define additional patentable subject matter:

Claims 22 and 29 recite that the upper end of the link rod extends through an opening 94 defined by a part 90 of the support frame 32 and the upper end of the outer shell.

Claims 26 and 32 recite that the support frame 32 has at least one groove 84 cut from the top edge.

In contrast, Glowka does not teach or suggest any of these features.



Thus, pending claims 21-33 are submitted to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if there are informalities that can be resolved in a phone conversation, or if the Examiner has any amendments, ideas or suggestions for further advancing the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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